

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-84 without prejudice; please enter new claims 85-123.

Claim Listing:

1. – 84. (canceled without prejudice).

85. (new) An apparatus comprising:

    a body defining a chamber for carrying a combustible liquid and having an open upper end;

    a sheet wick having a lower end located in the chamber of the body, for contacting the combustible liquid,

    the sheet wick having an upper end projecting upwardly from the open upper end of the body,

    the sheet wick is free of material having a high heat conductivity;

    a removable cover, which engages the open upper end of the body;

    the removable cover having an opening for the upper end of the sheet wick and a first cover end and a second cover end;

    the removable cover having a first and a second air hole opening, the first and the second air hole openings are oppositely oriented and at the cover ends; and

    the removable cover having a third air hole opening, which is adjacent to and substantially surrounds the opening for the sheet wick.

86. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 further comprising first and second plates arranged in a spaced, confronting relationship with lower portions located within the chamber of the body; the sheet wick is sandwiched between the first and second plates.

87. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 further comprising a conductive element having an upper portion extending above and curved over the upper portion of the wick and a bottom portion located in the chamber of the body.

88. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 wherein the wick is configured in a selected decorative shape as viewed from above.

89. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 wherein the wick is configured in a line, arc, circle, square, triangle, heart, and alpha-numeric shapes.

90. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 wherein the combustible liquid includes a fragrance or volatile compounds.

91. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 wherein the combustible liquid includes an air purifying fuel or volatile compounds.

92. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 wherein the wick is a stone wick.

93. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 wherein the wick is a solid, permeable, inorganic wick.

94. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 wherein the wick is made of an inorganic fibrous material.

95. (new) The apparatus of claim 93 wherein the wick is made of fiberglass, graphite, polyamide, or polyethylene.

96. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 wherein the wick is woven.

97. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 wherein the combustible liquid is mineral oil, paraffin oil, aliphatic hydrocarbon oils, naphthenic hydrocarbon oils, kerosene, alcohols, vegetable oils, surfactants, fatty acids, stearic acids, triglycerides or ethers.

98. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 wherein the wick is a solid mineral wick with fiber material.

99. (new) The apparatus of claim 98 wherein the fiber material is fiberglass, graphite, polyamide, or polyethylene.

100. (new) An apparatus comprising:

a body defining a chamber for carrying a combustible liquid and having an open upper end;

first and second plates arranged in a spaced, confronting relationship with lower portions located within the chamber of the body;

the first plate is a planar sheet and has substantially more surface area than the second plate;

the second plate has a first leg and a second leg; the first leg is vertically aligned with respect to the horizontally aligned second leg;

the first plate is joined to the second plate along an outer edge of the first leg of the second plate;

a sheet wick, which has a lower end located in the chamber of the body for contacting the combustible liquid, is sandwiched between the first plate and the first and the second legs of the second plate;

the sheet wick is free of material having a high heat conductivity; and

the sheet wick has an upper end, which projects upwardly from the first plate and the first leg of the second plate.

101. (new) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the plates are rectangular or square.

102. (new) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the plates are made of metal, ceramic or plastic.

103. (new) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the plates display a design, decoration or color on a flat side of the first plate.

104. (new) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the wick has a core lining or stiffening agent.

105. (new) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the wick is a rigid, sheet wick.

106. (new) The apparatus of claim 100 further comprising a plurality of clips positioned on side edges of the first and second plates to sandwich the sheet wick between the plates.

107. (new) The apparatus of claim 106 wherein at least one of the clips has a top portion extending above and curved over the upper portion of the wick, side flanges configured to hold the first and second plates and the wick together, and a bottom portion positioned in the chamber of the body.

108. (new) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the first and second plates are configured to hold the wick such that the upper portion of the wick forms a selected decorative shape as viewed from above.

109. (new) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the selected decorative shape is selected from a group consisting of line, arc, circle, square, triangle, heart, and alpha-numeric shapes.

110. (new) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the combustible liquid includes a fragrance.

111. (new) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the combustible liquid includes an air purifying fuel.

112. (new) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the wick is made of an inorganic fibrous material.

113. (new) An apparatus comprising:

a container for containing a combustible liquid; the container having an open upper end;

a sheet wick;

a support structure connected to the container and adapted to hold the sheet wick upright in the container such that an upper end of the sheet wick extends above a top surface of the combustible liquid in the container;

the container has a floor and the support structure is mounted to and extends up from the floor;

the container includes an outwardly extending ledge about a top perimeter of the container

the ledge includes heat and fragrance releasing holes; and

the heat and fragrance releasing holes are oriented substantially perpendicular to the open upper end of the container.

114. (new) The oil lamp apparatus of claim 113 wherein the wick is a solid mineral wick with fiber material.

115. (new) The oil lamp apparatus of claim 114 wherein the fiber material is fiberglass, graphite, polyamide, or polyethylene.

116. (new) The oil lamp apparatus of claim 113 wherein the wick is a solid, permeable, stone wick.

117. (new) The oil lamp apparatus of claim 113 wherein the wick is a solid mineral wick with fiber material.

118. (new) The oil lamp apparatus of claim 113 wherein the container is made of metal, ceramic or plastic.

119. (new) The oil lamp apparatus of claim 113 wherein the support structure is made of wood, metal, ceramic, glass, plastic or cardboard.

120. (new) The oil lamp apparatus of claim 113 wherein the wick is a porous organic material.

121. (new) An apparatus comprising:

    a body defining a chamber for carrying a combustible liquid and having an open upper end;

    a fiber material core;

    a first and a second sheet wick of a solidified material;

    the first and the second sheet wick surround the fiber material core;

    the sheet wicks having lower ends, which are located in the chamber of the body for contacting the combustible liquid, and upper ends projecting upwardly from the open upper end of the body,

    the sheet wicks are free of material having a high heat conductivity;

    a removable cover, which engages the open upper end of the body;

the removable cover having an opening for the upper end of the sheet wick and a first cover end and a second cover end;

the removable cover having a first and a second air hole opening, the first and the second air hole openings are oppositely oriented and at the cover ends; and

the removable cover having a third air hole opening, which is adjacent to and substantially surrounds the opening for the sheet wick.

122. (new) The apparatus of claim 121 wherein the combustible liquid includes a fragrance or volatile compounds.

123. (new) The apparatus of claim 121 wherein the combustible liquid includes an air purifying fuel or volatile compounds.